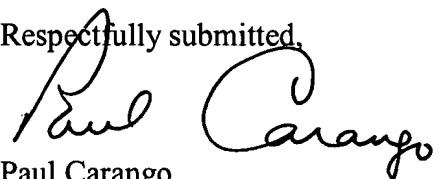


Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 in the last Official Action. The allowance of Claim 7 is also noted with appreciation. Claims 1, 5, 12, 17 and 18 have been rejected as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1. Claims 1, 12, 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 5 and 7 are pending in the application. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from allowed Claim 7. The cancellation of Claims 1, 12, 17 and 18 and the amendment to Claim 5 render moot the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 set forth in the Official Action.

Therefore, the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner identifies any matters of form or other minor issues that require attention, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative.

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